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Week of September 12-16

 **HOMEWORK**

-Practice any of the **fine motor activities** on the back of this page.

 -Practice writing first name in homework journal. Only the first letter of your name should be a capital letter, other letters should be lower case letters.

**Parents, please focus on helping your child to use proper pencil grasp and proper letter formation as outlined below. These are the foundations for future writing.**

The **Tripod Grasp** is a proper grasp. This grasp requires the thumb, index, and middle fingers to work together. When using a tripod grasp the child should move his fingers with the writing utensil and not use his entire arm.

Proper letter formation refers to starting letter strokes at the top of the paper.  **All letters should start at the top and go down**.  The reason for this is because it is much easier to write when you start at the top.  When you write from the top down you can write more quickly and with less effort than starting from the bottom up.

**Vocabulary**

We are working on Theme 1 “Ready for School.” The topic for week two is “Making Friends”. Please use the new vocabulary in conversations with your child at home.

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School News

-**Open House** is this **Wednesday**, September 14, 2016, at **5:30pm for grades PRE-K-5th** and at 6:45pm for the middle school

**We hope to see all of our Pre-K parents at Open House!** Please leave your children at home, if you can, as this is an evening for information for parents.

-**Friday is Jean Day**- Wear jeans and donate a $1.00 or pre-pay a year of Jean Days for $25.

**-Help us win a class pizza party by signing-up for membership to the PTSA. Classes with 100 % enrollment by September 23 will get a pizza party. This is the best investment for your dollars because your membership dues help support your children and our school.**

-Our school is also having a competition for 100% submission of free lunch applications. As soon as you have applied send us the form with your confirmation number.

-Our second annual Sock Hop Dance to support the fight against Pediatric Cancer is scheduled for September 30th. Students who purchase the socks for $10.00 will be able to attend the dance.